

## United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certification Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-304

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: September 24, 2007

Canned Dried Beans, Announcement FV-304, Invitation 033

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned dried beans as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, October 9, 2007. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 19, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 – November 30, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Pinto Beans

6/#10 can

16,416 cases

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2008. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <a href="http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes">http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-304, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-304, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk. \*

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV304 INVITATION : 033

COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED COMM TYPE : 16 BEANS, PINTO, CANNED PACK SIZE : 60 6/#10 CANS

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07					
001	MCALESTER	OK		1,728	
002	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	864	
003	EL PASO	ΤX	TRUCK ONLY	864	
004	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	
005	GRAND PRAIRIE SAN ANTONIO	TX TX		274 590	*
006	HOUSTON HOUSTON	TX TX	TRUCK ONLY	864 1,728	
007	LUBBOCK	TX		864	
008	SAN ANTONIO	ΤX	TRUCK ONLY	4,320	
009	PUEBLO WEST	СО	TRUCK ONLY	864	
010	CLEARFIELD	UT		864	
011	PHOENIX	ΑZ	TRUCK ONLY	864	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 16,416					

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